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Sir:

Applicants have carefully considered the Office Action mailed March 27, 2003 in connection with the above-captioned patent application. Applicants kindly request reconsideration of the claims in light of the remarks that follow. Present herein is:

Amendments to the Specification, beginning on Page 2;  
Amendments to the Claims, beginning on Page 3; and  
Remarks, beginning on Page 6.

Furthermore, filed herewith in addition to the present amendment and response are:

- 1) a Petition for an Extension of Time to and including August 27, 2003;
- 2) an Amendment Fee Transmittal Sheet;
- 3) a paper copy of a "Sequence Listing" as required by 37 CFR 1.821(c);
- 4) a "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e); and
- 5) a copy of the Official Notice to Comply that was received from the United States Patent and Trademark Office.